Funds for Rural Telephony Obligations in H.P.

1677. SHRI ANIL SHARMA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) the amount sought from Planning Commission for meeting the Rural Telephony Obligations in Himachal Pradesh, particularly, in far-flung and backward areas in the State for the year 2002-03;

(b) the amount approved by the Planning Commission; and

(c) how the resources would be met for the Rural Telephony?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) to (c) For Himachal Pradesh no amount has been sought from the Planning Commission directly or separately for meeting the rural telephony obligations for far-flung and remote areas in the state during 2002-03. However BSNL has asked for reimbursement towards license fee and spectrum charges for meeting out social obligations for providing rural telephony in the country.

Waiting List for telephone connections in H.P.

1678. SHRI ANIL SHARMA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) the number of persons in the waiting list for telephone connections in each telephone exchange in Kangra and Mandi Districts of Himachal Pradesh as on the 31st October, 2002 and since when;

(b) what steps Government have taken to provide telephone connections to the wait listed persons; and

(c) whether Government have received any complaints for non-availability of STD facility in Jaisinghpur Exchange; if so, what measures Government have taken to solve this problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SANJAY PASWAN) : (a) The total number of persons in the Waiting List for telephone connections in Kangra and Mandi districts of Himachal Pradesh as on 31st October, 2002 are 15,202 and 4,247 respectively. The exchange-wise details are given in Statement I & II respectively. (*See* below).

(b) 26000 Nos. of Direct Exchange Lines (DELs) for Kangra and 12000 Nos. of DELs for Mandi districts have been planned during 2002-03 subject to availability of resources.

(c) Yes, Sir. Some complaints were received from public when the connecting microwave link remained faulty between Ashapuri, and Palampur from 19.10.2002 to 27.10.2002 and 29.10.2002 to 13.11.2002 due to which STD services at Jaisinghpur exchange remained affected. The link was attended and now it is working satisfactorily.

Statement-I

List Of Telephone Exchanges in District Kangra
(As on 31.10.2002)

Sl. No.	Exchange Name	Total Waiting List	Waiting List cleared upto
1	Alampur	299	10.10.2000
2	Ashapuri	8	08.03.2001
3	Badalthore	122	30.03.2001
4	Badukhar	98	02.03.1998
5	Baijnath	139	31.01.2002
6	Bandian	286	10.04.2000
7	Bankhandi	90	01.01.01
8	Bari	42	22.03.2001
9	Baroh	67	26.03.2002
10	Bhali	49	13.11.2001
11	Bharwain at Chalali	37	23.11.2001
12	Bhawarna	279	14.05.2001
13	Bhogarwan	61	14.10.1996
14	Bhusher	83	12.04.00
15	Bir	238	22.12.1999
16	Boh	0	—

Sl. No.	Exchange Name	Total Waiting List	Waiting List cleared upto
17	Bohana	99	06.01.01
18	Chadhiar	201	23.10.2001
19	Chari	515	21.03.2000
20	Dadasiba	100	03.03.01
21	Dagoh	63	05.10.01
22	Damtal	64	05.04.02
23	Darini	5	07.03.02
24	Daroh	99	08.06.01
25	Daulatpur	17	07.08.02
26	Dehra	153	28.02.2001
27	Dehrian	138	20.12.2000
28	Dhaliara	187	18.04.2001
29	Dhameta	223	02.05.01
30	Dhar-Dhangar	81	23.11.2000
31	Dharamshala Msu	60	26.11.2001
32	Dharamshala Rsu	202	26.11.2001
33	Dheera	224	22.11.2000
34	Dini Larath	32	15.09.1999
35	Duhak	112	22.03.2001
36	Fatehpur	147	10.09.01
37	Gadiara	108	16.09.2002
38	Gaggal	260	12.12.01
39	Gagruhi	61	08.02.00
40	Gander	142	13.07.2001
41	Gangath	332	16.08.2000

Sl. No.	Exchange Name	Total Waiting List	Waiting List cleared upto
42	Garh-jamula	81	22.01.2001
43	Ghallour	141	06.08.00
44	Gharana	27	20.08.2001
45	Gharchindi (Tdma-pmp)	0	—
46	Ghor-peeth (Tdma-pmp)	8	31.01.2002
47	Gopalpur	153	18.07.01
48	Gwal Tikkar	5	23.03.2002
49	Hagwal	20	23.02.2002
50	Harchakian	14	26.06.2002
51	Haripur	214	03.12.01
52	Harsar	138	09.06.00
53	Harsi	162	08.08.01
54	Hatli	13	27.03.2002
55	Indora	221	08.01.01
56	Jaisinghpur	42	31.08.2002
57	Jakhbar	185	18.05.1998
58	Jalote	55	13.07.2001
59	Jassur	42	31.07.2002
60	Jaurbar	68	28.01.2002
61	Jawali	296	25.03.2001
62	Jwalamukhi	206	20.06.2001
63	Kahanpatt (Tdma-pmp)	0	—
64	Kandi	21	21.11.2001
65	Kandwal	136	10.03.00
66	Kangra	257	30.04.2002

Sl. No.	Exchange Name	Total Waiting List	Waiting List cleared upto
[illegible]	Kaptial	73	08.03.01
68	Kasba-kotla	81	29.01.2000
69	Khajjan	224	29.11.2000
70	Khaniara	16	15.08.2002
71	Khera	55	16.04.2001
72	Khe[illegible]	49	21.12.2000
73	Kh[illegible]an	53	13.03.2002
74	Kohala	53	15.02.2002
75	Kothi-kohar	23	26.07.2001
76	Kotla	74	01.02.02
77	Kotloo	25	29.06.2001
78	Lagroo	80	23.11.2000
79	Lahru	52	08.03.01
80	Lambagaon	80	01.08.02
81	Lanj	169	28.04.2000
82	Lohardi	9	28.08.2002
83	Majheen	76	15.04.2000
84	Makroti	212	31.3.2001
85	Malhanta	37	03.04.96
86	Maranda	66	01.11.02
87	Masrehar	163	31.12.2001
88	Mast Garh	80	03.04.00
89	Mcleodganj	50	30.06.2002
90	Minjgran	9	05.12.98
91	Nadholi	91	01.10.02

Sl. No.	Exchange Name	Total Waiting List	Waiting List cleared upto
92	Nagrota Bagwan	330	30.03.2002
93	Nagrota Surian	196	30.03.2001
94	Nahlian	123	01.07.98
95	Nandpur-bhatoli	123	06.03.00
96	Nurpur	21	30.06.2002
97	Pahra	144	20.12.2001
98	Paisa	56	28.12.2001
99	Palampur	121	09.12.02
100	Panchrukhi	111	04.05.02
101	Panjahra	160	30.06.2001
102	Paprola	255	31.01.2001
103	Parour	45	09.11.02
104	Phatahar	173	11.01.01
105	Pirsaluhi	168	13.01.2000
106	Pragpur	92	15.01.2001
107	Rajal	61	02.12.01
108	Rajiana	122	12.08.01
109	Rakkar	309	01.06.1996
110	Ranital	69	24.12.2001
111	Rehan	502	31.01.2001
112	Ropri	184	28.09.2000
113	Sadwan (Tdma-pmp)	2	05.01.02
114	Sakri	77	17.06.1998
115	Saleti	27	17.02.2001
116	Saliana	65	26.02.2002

Sl. No.	Exchange Name	Total Waiting List	Waiting List cleared upto
117	Sanhoon	181	21.09.2000
118	Sansarpur Terrace	140	17.05.1999
119	Sawana	52	19.02.2000
120	Seul	56	13.11.2001
121	Shahpur	324	19.09.2001
122	Suliali	68	30.03.2002
123	Sullah	41	31.12.2001
124	Sunhi	68	30.03.2002
125	Surani (Tdma-pmp)	1	20.02.2001
126	Teora	54	13.02.2002
127	Thural	378	01.10.01
128	Tihri	77	25.01.2000
129	Yol	299	07.11.01
	TOTAL :	15202	

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List Of Telephone Exchanges in District Mandi
(As On 31.10.2002)

Sl. No.	Exchange Name	Total Waiting List	Waiting List cleared upto
1	Asla	58	25.08.2001
2	Aut	23	31.07.2002
3	Badhu	19	21.12.2001
4	Baggi	37	26.02.2002
5	Bagsaid	11	22.01.2002
6	Bagshar	4	14.05.2002
7	Balag	6	21.05.2002

Sl. No.	Exchange Name	Total Waiting List	Waiting List cleared upto
8	Baldwara	0	—
9	Balhara	56	12.03.02
10	Balhropa	31	25.08.2002
11	Balichowki	16	28.06.2002
12	Balu	5	03.05.02
13	Bandli	11	28.03.2002
14	Banerdi	17	31.12.2002
15	Bangloo	90	03.06.00
16	Baragraon	17	15.03.2002
17	Barot	32	25.08.2002
18	Batheri	1	31.08.2002
19	Beri	18	17.06.2000
20	Bhaderwar	29	05.08.01
21	Bhambla	81	23.02.2001
22	Bhangrotu	46	25.02.2002
23	Bhararoo	24	25.08.2002
24	Bir (Mnd)	70	30.06.2001
25	Brokhari	10	26.03.2002
26	Chandesh	65	19.07.2001
27	Chandyal	119	30.11.2001
28	Charkhari	14	27.08.2001
29	Chatri	111	11.11.98
30	Chatrokhari	0	—
31	Chauntra	138	31.05.2002
32	Chhatter	54	02.11.00
33	Chiuni	3	27.09.2001
34	Cholangarh	5	12.04.02
35	Cholthara	0	—

Sl. No.	Exchange Name	Total Waiting List	Waiting List cleared upto
36	Churag	4	13.07.2002
37	Dabrot	0	—
38	Daral	0	—
39	Darang	16	10.08.02
40	Dehar	56	24.12.2001
41	Dhalara	14	18.12.2001
42	Dhalwan	91	23.03.2001
43	Dharampur	86	27.06.2001
44	Dinak	25	07.05.02
45	Drubbal	19	25.06.2002
46	Durgapur	49	14.03.2001
47	Fatehpur	17	12.02.02
48	Gadagusani	38	30.09.2002
49	Gadidhar	5	02.04.02
50	Gamdhol	7	25.03.2002
51	Gangoti	8	25.03.2002
52	Gohar	56	31.07.2001
53	Gokhara	58	21.04.2001
54	Gumma	27	25.07.2002
55	Hanogi	5	23.09.2002
56	Jachh	93	01.05.00
57	Jahal	4	05.02.02
58	Jaidevi	12	03.03.02
59	Janjehli	5	05.02.02
60	Jarol	112	18.01.2001
61	Jassal	7	28.02.2002
62	Joginder Nagar	102	25.08.2002
63	Jwalapur	22	31.08.2002

Sl. No.	Exchange Name	Total Waiting List	Waiting List cleared upto
64	Kandi	0	—
65	Kantanda	0	—
66	Karkoh	42	31.01.2002
67	Karsal	8	25.04.2002
68	Karsog	80	11.06.01
69	Kataula	10	31.03.2002
70	Kathlag	14	16.06.2002
71	Katindi	10	31.03.2002
72	Kelodhar	5	15.11.2001
73	Khad Khalyana	10	30.04.2002
74	Khaddar	9	25.04.2002
75	Khandargali	6	12.10.01
76	Khazoor	44	16.04.2001
77	Kot	15	10.05.02
78	Kot Morse	12	24.08.2002
79	Kotli	17	31.03.2002
80	Kufri	59	23.01.2001
81	Kunhu	1	28.02.2002
82	Lad Bharol	78	14.08.2001
83	Leda	40	31.01.2002
84	Lohakhar	83	09.11.00
85	Longani	13	29.01.2002
86	Mahog	36	31.12.2001
87	Mahunag	3	12.08.2002
88	Maira Masit	41	31.01.2002
89	Majhwar	25	31.07.2002
90	Makreri	27	25.08.2002
91	Maloh	44	05.07.01

Sl. No.	Exchange Name	Total Waiting List	Waiting List cleared upto
92	Mandi	29	24.10.2002
93	Marhi	36	28.11.2001
94	Mnd-bhiuli	9	24.10.2002
95	Moviseri	2	18.11.2001
96	Nagwain	30	12.07.02
97	Nauhli	11	25.05.2002
98	Navlay	11	31.03.2002
99	Neri Langna	32	25.12.2001
100	Nihri	57	31.03.2001
101	Ootpur	13	05.04.02
102	Padhar	64	25.07.2002
103	Pandoh	12	31.10.2002
104	Pandol	59	07.05.01
105	Pangna	32	14.02.2001
106	Panjain	8	27.05.2002
107	Patrighat	25	31.01.2002
108	Paurakothi	4	01.12.01
109	Pokhi	0	—
110	Rakhoh	56	30.05.2001
111	Randhara	13	31.03.2002
112	Rechtadhar	0	—
113	Rewalsar	16	23.01.2002
114	Ropa	7	26.08.2002
115	Ropri	16	20.08.2001
116	Sadhyani	8	20.01.2002
117	Sainj Bagra	37	28.12.2001
118	Sajaopiploo	2	07.07.02
119	Sandhole	18	19.07.2002

Sl. No.	Exchange Name	Total Waiting List	Waiting List cleared upto
120	Sardhwar	24	10.01.01
121	Sari	19	28.12.2001
122	Sarkaghat	0	—
123	Saroa	40	30.09.2002
124	Seoh	3	23.01.2002
125	Seri Bunglow	2	22.10.2001
126	Shiva Badar	28	30.09.2001
127	Sidhpur	1	16.10.2001
128	Sikawari	12	28.01.2002
129	Siyanj	35	14.03.2001
130	Siyanji	17	28.02.2002
131	Slapper	30	28.02.2002
132	Soja	36	12.07.02
133	Sojha	31	25.02.2002
134	Soma Kothi	0	—
135	Sudhar	7	25.06.2002
136	Sudharni	70	30.09.2001
137	Sukhibain	9	21.06.2002
138	Sunder Nagar	60	31.08.2002
139	Surath	6	24.02.2002
140	Taleli	3	31.12.2001
141	Tattapani	47	24.09.01
142	Thachi	8	30.04.2002
143	Thakarthana	6	28.02.2002
144	Thaltukhod	4	29.08.2002
145	Thona	0	—
146	Thunag	100	20.06.2000
147	Tihra	35	23.01.2002

Sl. No.	Exchange Name	Total Waiting List	Waiting List cleared upto
148	Tikroo	64	25.02.2001
149	Trej	4	28.03.2002
150	Triphalghat	0	—
151	Tullah	18	16.05.2002
152	Urla	30	25.01.2001
	TOTAL :	4247	

Feasibility report on VPT

1679. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited has been assigned the task of detailed feasibility report on achieving the Village Public Telephone (VPT) targets;

(b) whether the report has since been received;

(c) if so, what are the recommendations and suggestions made therein; and

(d) if not, by when the report is expected to be received?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SANJAY PASWAN) : (a) No, Sir. BSNL is engaged in provision of its share of Village Public Telephones (VPTs) only.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Foreign currency exchange facility in post offices

1680. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to start foreign currency exchange facility in some selected post offices in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this step would help check illegal trade of foreign currency; and